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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT:

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All EPA Employees

When I meet with staff across the Agency, one of the most frequently asked questions is: What is EPA doing to address climate change? That's a great question.

EPA is doing a lot to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and our updated Climate Change Web site (http://www.epa.gov/climatechange) is a great place to find this information.

The Climate Change Web site has five primary sections:

- **Science:** Explains our current scientific understanding of the causes of past, present and future climate change.
- U.S. Climate Policy: Summarizes the current U.S. policy and describes programs being implemented at EPA and elsewhere.
- **Greenhouse Gas Emissions:** Provides information and data on U.S. and international GHG emissions, and projections of future emission levels.

- **Health and Environmental Effects:** Provides an overview of how climate change may affect human health, different sectors of society, various regions and the natural environment.
- What You Can Do: Describes actions that individuals and organizations can take to reduce GHG emissions and includes a Personal Emissions Calculator (http://www.epa.gov/climatechange/emissions/ind_calculator.html).

In particular, I encourage everyone to use the calculator. With this tool, you can estimate the GHG emissions produced through the course of your daily activities and then identify ways to reduce your "carbon footprint." By using the calculator, I found ways to reduce my household's footprint by 5 percent this year.

Updating the Climate Change Web site was a major effort involving staff across EPA. In particular, I want to thank the Office of Air and Radiation, as well as the Office of Research and Development.